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SUBJ: ANTI-REGIME PLOT BY ONAL/OAL IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
MADAGASCAR (DRM)

REF: ANTANANARIVO 2051 (NOTAL) & PREVIOUS

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS PRINTED SEVERAL COMMENTARIES ON ONAL/OAL
(ORGANIZATION NOUVELLS POUR L'AFRIQUE LIBRE WHICH HAS BECOME
ORGANIZATION POUR L'AFRIQUE LIBRE).

2. ACCORDING TO IMONGO VAOVAO (ISSUED BY PRO-SOVIET AKFM
PARTY) IT IS NOW BASED IN LISBON, HAVING MOVED FROM PARIS, AND
IS COMPOSED OF AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN EXILES FROM SUCH
COUNTRIES AS CONGO, GUINEA, ANGOLA, AND CUBA, WHO COULD NOT
STOMACH NEW PROGRESSIVE REGIMES IN THEIR NATIVE LANDS.
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION IS TO OPPOSE AND TRY TO OVERTHROW
PROGRESSIVE REGIMES, AND IT IS SUPPORTED BY IMPERIALISTS WITH
FUNDS AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT UP TO AND INCLUDING ARMS.

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3. BASY VAVA, WHICH SUPPORTS PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S PARTY
AREMA, SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH THE NAMES HAVE NOT YET BEEN
REVEALED OF THE MALAGASIES WORKING FOR ONAL, THEY WILL
EVENTUALLY BE KNOWN AND THEY ARE SURE TO COME FROM THE
REACTIONARY ELEMENTS IN ADAGASCAR WHO ARE AS ONE WITH
THE IMPERIALISTS-CAPITALISTS.

4. INDEPENDENT SAHY REFERS TO ARTICLE IN JANUARY 24, 1977,.
AFRIQUEA-SIEN REPRINTED IN NOCEMBER 12 OFFICIAL PRESS
BULLETIN, WHICH DEALS WITH OAL AS ONLY ONE PART OF A GENERAL
NETWORK OF FORCES AND ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN EUROPE WHICH
ACTIVELY SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICA, PRINCIPALLY IN ORDER TO
RETAIN ACCESS TO MINERAL RICHES OF THAT AREA. ONLY MENTION
OF MADAGASCAR IS THAT OPPOSITION FIGURES FROM THIS COUNTRY
AS WELL AS OTHERS, HAVE TAKEN SHELTER UNDER IT. ACCORDING
TO THIS ARTICLE, ORGANIZATION IS BASED IN MADRID AND ITS
SECRETARY GENERAL IS ANTONIAO BATICA, FORMERLY OF GUINEA-
BISSAU. ARTICLE GORS ON AT LENGTH ABOUT OAL'S TIES WITH
POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS, MULTINATIONS, CIA, ETC. . IT
SUPPOSEDLY AUTHORS CRITICAL NEWS ITEMS ABOUT FRELIMO AND
MACHEL REGIMES, WHICH ARE BROADCAST OVER RHODESIAN RADIO
BUT ARE ACTUALLY WRITTEN BY AFRICAN SECTION OF RHODESIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY. AT CONCLUSION OF ARTICLE IT IS STATED
THAT ALL THESE PRO-WHITE AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE DANGEROUS
IN ADDITION TO BEING WELL-HEELED, AND CITES AS AN EXAMPLE
THAT RHODESIAN "INFORMATION OFFICE" WAS ABLE TO BUY TEN
CESSNA AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTED IN RHEIMS,. FRANCE , WHICH
IAN SMITH'S ARMY NOW USES FOR RECONNAISSANCE AGAINST
GUERRILLAS AND ON MOZAMBIQUE FRONTIER.

5. COMMENT: THE MENTION OD CESSNA AIRCRAFT AND CITATION
OF MALAGASY OPPOSITION FIGURES' MEMBERSHIP IN OAL ARE ONLY
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ITEMS WHICH TIE TOGETHER OAL, MADAGASCAR, AND LAPPEMAN.
I HAD HEARD BEFORE THAR KNOWN USE OF CESSNAS BY RHODESIAN
MILITARY HAD BEEN ONE REASON FOR MALAFASY SUSPICION OF
LAPPEMAN FLIGHT INTO MADAGASCAR ABOARD SIMILAR AIRCRAFT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ADDRESSEES
CAN PROVIDE ON ONAL, AND POSSIBLE TIES IT MAY HAVE WITH
MADAGASCAR OR ACTICITIES THEREIN, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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